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National Policy on Bio-Fuel
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated promotion of bio-fuel under the National Bio-fuel Policy to improve the country"s air quality and to reduce oil import expenditures and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of extraction and processing units for production of bio-fuel established in the country during each of the last three years along with their production capacity, State/UT-wise;
(c) the details of incentives and concessions given by the Government for setting up of oil expelling/extraction and processing units for production of biodiesel and creation of any new infrastructure for storage and distribution of bio-diesel;
(d) whether Bio-fuel/Bio-diesel is also being exported, if so, the details thereof during the said period, country-wise;
(e) whether the Government is aware of the implications likely to be involved in the production of bio-fuel; and
(f) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes Madam. In order to promote and use biofuels, a National Policy on Biofuels has been brought out. The Policy aims at bringing about accelerated development and promotion of the cultivation, production and use of biofuels to increasingly substitute petrol and diesel for transport and stationary applications. For enhancing the production of biofuels, numerous activities are being taken up by various Ministries including Ministries of Agriculture, Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Rural Development, Science and Technology, and New and Renewable Energy. Research and development (R&D) activities are being
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supported for production of bioethanol from lingo-cellulosic biomass and for improving the yields of Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs) for production of biodiesel.
(b): No extraction and processing units was established during the last three years in the country.

(c): No incentives and concessions were given by the Government for setting up of oil expelling/extraction and processing units during the period.
(d): The production of biofuels envisages saving of foreign exchange and creation of employment in rural areas besides use of waste lands.

(e): Yes Madam. Biodiesel/ bioethanol worth about US $ 17 million was exported in the last three years is given in a Statement for three years at Annexure-A. Country wise export of biodiesel / biofuels is also given at Annexure -B.
(f): Recent steps taken by the Government for increase of production as well as usage of biofuels in the country are (i) announcement of the National Policy on Biofuels for promotion and utilisation of Biofuels (biodiesel and bioethanol); (ii) half yearly revision of procurement price of biodiesel. (iii) Direct sale of biodiesel by manufacturers/suppliers other than Oil Marketing Companies in the country; and (iv) continuous support for various Research and Development activities for production of biodiesel and bioethanol from various non-food feed stocks in the country.
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